

URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER H.R. 1197, THE ACCELERATING THE END OF BREAST CANCER ACT

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 1197, the Accelerating the End of Breast Cancer Act. This legislation, which has over 270 bipartisan cosponsors, would establish the Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer with the goal of leveraging existing investments in cancer research and making true progress in curing breast cancer.

This year 40,450 women and 440 men will die of breast cancer in the United States. Despite government and private sector investments, we have not made adequate progress on improving breast cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality rates. The chance of a woman developing breast cancer in her lifetime has increased from 1 in 11 in 1975 to 1 in 8 today.

If enacted, H.R. 1197 would allow us to harness the full potential of existing research in order to end breast cancer. We must take advantage of this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women suffering from this disease. I strongly urge this chamber to take up H.R. 1197 and pass it before the end of this session.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER
THOMAS EAGAN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Officer Thomas Eagan of the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Officer Eagan deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Officer Eagan has been employed with the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center since October 2013. In his short time with the facility, he has proven to be an extraordinary employee who delivers outstanding performance. His attention to detail and level of integrity is unprecedented.

Officer Eagan was nominated for and received the Lifesaving Award for his heroic actions on September 9, 2015. While working overtime, he was the first to respond and to begin lifesaving tactics on an inmate who attempted to commit suicide. His steadfast personality and training led to the extension of life for the inmate. He has proven to be an extraordinary employee who delivers exemplary performance in all that he does. He also has a sense of humility that keeps him grounded and humble.

For all that he contributes to the facility his dedication does not go unnoticed. Officer

Eagan received employee of the quarter in the summer quarter of July, August and September and was nominated for employee of the year for the facility. He is experienced in his field and still desires more. He constantly pursues extra training when afforded and has recently become a member of the crisis intervention training team. He is always looking and asking to assist with everything and strives to continuously advance his thirst for knowledge.

His professional demeanor and positive attitude are infectious to all those around him. He is a pillar in the eyes of other officers and is a true depiction of what each officer should aspire to become. His level of dedication and camaraderie are unrivaled. It is his selflessness and hardworking outlook in all things he does that has earned him the respect of his peers.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Officer Thomas Eagan of the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Howard County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on October 5, 2016.

The County sits on the northern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1844 and named for General Tilghman Howard in 1846, who was a U.S. Representative. The county seat is located in Kokomo. A significant number of technical and engineering innovations were developed in Kokomo; as a result, Kokomo became known as the "City of Firsts." Howard County was originally named Richardville for Jean Baptiste Richardville, who was a chief of the Miami.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the Legacy Projects throughout the county are: City of Kokomo, Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, Studebaker National Museum, Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, Kokomo Automotive Museum, Kokomo Civic Theatre, Inc. and Howard-Miami Heritage Society. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Howard County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

KEITH ROMINGER LARRABEE

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an extraordinary milestone of a Sacramento Valley native and Chico resident, Keith Rominger Larrabee, as he celebrates his 50th birthday on September 30, 2016.

Keith currently serves on the California Pecan Growers Association board. He runs a thriving agricultural operation, and has served on various agricultural boards over the years, including as President of the Prune Bargaining Association, a member of the California Dried Plum Board, President of the Butte Creek Cajun Company, served on the Board of Levee District Three, been a member of the Butte City Volunteer Fire Department, and as a member of the Rotary Club of Chico.

Keith is also owner and partner of Larrabee Farms in Butte City, where he works alongside two of his brothers growing rice, pecans, walnuts and various row crops. Farming has been a part of Keith's entire life, being born in Chico and raised on a family farm his great-grandfather originally started in 1918. When asked why he was a farmer, Keith stated, "Growing up on a farm brought great joy and pleasure. While I thought about other professions, I always envisioned myself being a farmer."

Keith has been a leader in the development, research and promotion of the California dried plum and pecan industries. He's provided research opportunities, been a featured speaker at conferences, and promoted the benefits of dried plums and pecans to others. He's also a strong believer in the agricultural economy and started and has been a part of many agricultural based companies. Keith strongly believes in the benefits of small business in America.

A fourth generation Californian, Keith and his wife, Kim, are the proud parents of their two children—Olivia and Ryan. When he's not working, Keith enjoys spending time with his family and traveling California and the world. As a proud father and husband, his family is a strong pillar of his life and he's loved very much by his family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Keith on his special day, September 30, 2016, by wishing him a Happy 50th Birthday. May he continue to live a long and blessed life.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER
ANDREW SHERMAN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Officer Andrew Sherman of the Mount Weather Police Department. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Officer Sherman deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Officer Sherman routinely performs above and beyond his duties as a police officer by undertaking additional duties and tasks for improving the skills of his fellow police officers and the department as a whole. Officer Sherman, without hesitation, took on the responsibility of serving as the lead instructor for the department's protective service operations, which is required for the officers to be sworn in as special deputy, U.S. marshals. Additionally, Officer Sherman serves as one of the department's active shooter and non-lethal training instructors. He consistently develops creative and challenging training scenarios for improving the officers' skills in responding to and mitigating the impacts of an active shooter incident. He also was an instrumental part of the working group that created the Mount Weather emergency services division's tactical emergency casualty care policy, which dramatically improved the joint training and response of the Mount Weather police and fire departments during active shooter incidents.

Recently Officer Sherman assisted with improving the department's security mission in the areas of aircraft security screens and random security measures as part of the department's security posture levels. His proposal for changing the positioning of officers during aircraft arrivals led to more efficient and effective security screening operations, and his recommended security measures will improve the overall force protection of the facility.

Officer Sherman has continually shown himself as a professional police officer displaying the highest degree of competence, esprit de corps, and dedication to the mission of Mount Weather. The Mount Weather police department can think of no finer police officer more deserving of recognition than Officer Andrew Sherman.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Officer Andrew Sherman of the Mount Weather Police Department for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO FOUNTAIN COUNTY,
INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Fountain County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. I am honored to be one of the county's torch bearers as the torch journeys across our great state of Indiana.

The county sits on the western part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1826 and named for Major James

Fontaine, who was killed during the Northwest Indian War in 1790. The county seat is located in Covington, birthplace of John Myers, who served as a U.S. Representative for nearly 30 years. The county is known for the Wabash River defining the northern and western borders.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the eleven Legacy Projects throughout the county are: City of Attica, NICHES Land Trust, City of Covington, Town Council of the Town of Newton, Fountain County Art Council, Inc., Fountain County Landmarks, Inc., The Fountain Trust Company, Wallace Homecoming Committee, Illiana Antique Power Association, and the Covington-Veedersberg Public Library. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Fountain County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.